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OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Description of Its Buildings and Fire Apparatus.

THE STEAM ENGINES AND THEIR PUMPING CAPACITY.

Its Efficiency is Hampered by Want of Men, Money and Suitable Houses - General Fire Notes.

The fire department of Honolulu may be described in a few words as consisting of three steam fire engines, one chemical engine, one two-horse hose cart, one two-horse hose wagon, one single horse hose cart, two hose reels, a quantity of hose, twenty-eight paid men including the secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners and a miscellaneous collection of buildings denominated engine houses, which, with one exception, are in various stages of decay and one of which is liable to collapse at any minute by the weight of its own rottenness.

At the central station, commonly known as the Bell Tower, there is situated what is called a fire bell. Since it got cracked many years ago it has been a useless appendage to the department, so much so that it is hardly thought worth while to try and alarm anybody by its anything but loud and resonant tones. In addition to this its weight is a menace to the safety of the firemen beneath it, as the timbers supporting it are rotten and worm eaten from the ground up. The same state of affairs obtains with the rest of the buildings used for the purposes of the central station. The floors are worn out everywhere, the stairway is too narrow for practical uses and is actually in a dangerous condition and if not attended to shortly someone will put his foot through one of the rotten steps, break a leg and recover heavy damages from the Government therefor.

The apparatus housed in this building, which may be truly termed a disgrace to the department, the city and the country generally, consists of two Amoskeag engines named Mechanic No. 2 and Hawaii No. 4. They were purchased in 1884 and cost about \$4,000 each. While these engines are somewhat antiquated they have been well cared for and are capable of doing good service for a long time yet. Mechanic No. 2 is the one now in service and is drawn by a handsome team of well-trained grays, called Duke and Prince, worth about \$550. Hawaii No. 4 is used as a reserve engine but is always kept in readiness for instant use. Each of these engines will throw 500 gallons of water a minute through two streams, and if one stream only is used will throw water through an inch nozzle to a height of 130 feet. While stationary steam can be gotten up in seven minutes, but when in motion in less than four. The fire is lighted instantaneously by pulling a string which breaks a bottle of sulphuric acid in the furnace, which mixing with other chemicals placed on the shavings and wood in the furnace causes instant ignition of the whole mass. The process is known to firemen as the "Greek fire pot."

In this building is also stationed a two-horse hose wagon, equipped with 750 feet of hose and other supplies, besides two six-gallon Babcock extinguishers which are of great service in incipient fire. For this cart there is a bay team composed of the horses Pete and Jim which cost the department

about \$300. There are also two hand hose reels in constant readiness, each holding 500 feet of hose, one small hook and ladder truck, 1000 feet of extra hose, and a large quantity of extra pipes, nozzles, fittings and tools generally.

The new two-horse hose wagon which Chief Hunt has recently had made by the Hawaiian Carriage Company out of an old hook and ladder truck will also be stationed here. It will have a carrying capacity of 1500 feet of hose, which with two Babcock extinguishers and three men will weigh about 3000 pounds.

This station is the headquarters of the Chief Engineer, but in his absence is under the orders of Senior Foreman W. D. Hamilton. Ten men and a messenger boy are stationed here constantly, sleeping upstairs and eating near by.

No. 3 engine house is situated on Maunakea street and it is the only building worthy of the name in the city. It was erected after the big fire of April 18th, 1886, to replace the old engine house destroyed in that conflagration. It is a handsome two-story brick structure, well suited to the purposes required. The upper story contains a nice reading room, patent bath and closets and a large sleeping hall. Being situated in the heart of the most densely populated quarter of the city, which is covered with inflammable wooden structures, it has been thought best to station the chemical engine at this house. This is what is called a Champion No. 3, which has double 60-gallon tanks, each of which will furnish a stream of carbonic acid gas and water for fifteen minutes. The facility with which this engine can be handled and the rapidity with which a stream can be used makes it invaluable in quenching small fires or in checking larger ones until the other engines can get to work. This has been demonstrated in the last two fires. A \$500 black team, Jim and Bob, take this engine to a fire in a hurry. Connected with this engine are reels containing 200 feet of inch hose for the chemical fluid, while 1000 feet of regulation 2 1/2 inch hose is kept in the house for safety, it not being deemed desirable to keep all the reserve hose in a wooden building. W. O. Barnhardt is the engineer in charge at this house, and he has with him a driver, hoseman, nozzleman and messenger. Each of the tanks of the chemical engine require one gallon of sulphuric acid and 50 pounds of bicarbonate of soda dissolved in 60 gallons of water for each charge. When an alarm is given the turning of a screw breaks the acid container and the resulting mixture generates carbonic acid gas instantaneously. This gas is fatal to fire. This engine cost laid down in Honolulu \$2896.

At No. 1 engine house on King street there is stationed a No. 2 Clapp & Jones steam fire engine, the finest in the department. It was purchased in July, 1891, and costs \$6253.30. It will throw 750 gallons of water per minute through three lines of hose, and by using what is called a Y six streams can be maintained if required.

A team of gray horses, recently purchased from the Stockton Fire Department, is stationed at this house. There is also a single horse cart with 760 feet of hose on its reel. Frank May is foreman at this house and he has with him an engineer, two drivers, stoker, three hosemen and a messenger boy. The engine house is a wooden structure which answers its purpose pretty well, but it is hoped will soon give way to a modern brick building.

There are 28 men in the present fire department, including a secretary who receives \$25 per month, the salaries of the others ranging from \$40 for hosemen to \$120 for engineers and \$175 for Chief Hunt. The cost of feeding the horses averages about

\$100 per month. The monthly pay roll is \$1655.

In addition to the paid members of the department there is a volunteer roll of fifteen, composed of J. D. McVeigh, J. F. Wright, John Sumner, Chas. Crane, A. L. Perry, Chas. H. Rose, Sam Kanoo, Louis Singer, Fritz Singer, G. A. Thompson, Harry Wootton, Chas. Winchester, John Maguire and S. L. Rumsey, three or four of whom turn out at every alarm and all at a big fire. Outside of this aid the department has to rely on the general public for necessary help in handling hose at a big fire, like the recent one at the Opera House. Vacancies in the department are generally filled from the volunteer corps, which is limited to fifteen.

In spite of the insufficiency of men and the paucity of legislative appropriations, Chief Hunt has brought the department under his charge to a high state of efficiency and it will compare most favorably with any city of equal size with Honolulu. It was unfortunate that the Board of Fire Commissioners had not some representative on the floor of the Senate when the matter of making an appropriation for a central fire station on the government lot on the corner of Beretania and Fort streets came up at the late session. Both the Senate and the Cabinet acknowledged the urgent need of the central station but no proper plans or estimates had been prepared by the Commissioners and the result was the matter went over. It will be brought up again in proper form at the coming session, but the present state of the Republic's strong box will make the fight for a suitable appropriation a harder one than it would have been before.

Following is a list of the fire districts of this city, which may be useful for reference:

No. 2—Bounded by School, Liliha, Judd, and Punchbowl Streets.

No. 3—Bounded by Beretania, Liliha, School and Fort Streets.

No. 4—Bounded by King, Beretania and Fort Streets.

No. 5—Bounded by Waterfront, King and Fort Streets.

No. 6—Bounded by Waterfront, Fort, King and Richards Streets.

No. 7—Bounded by King, Fort, Beretania and Richards Streets.

No. 8—Bounded by Beretania, Fort, School and Punchbowl Streets.

No. 9—Bounded by Waterfront, Richards, Beretania and Punchbowl Streets.

No. 12—Bounded by Waterfront, Punchbowl and Victoria Streets.

No. 13—Bounded by King, Victoria and Piikoi Streets.

No. 14—Bounded by Piikoi Street, Wilder Avenue and Puna-hou Street.

No. 15—District beyond Puna-hou Street.

No. 16—The Harbor.

In conclusion it may be well said that the present fire department deserves well of the people of Honolulu, for if any set of men in the government employ earn their money these men do. At the same time they are the poorest paid of any in the government service. Forty dollars a month, the wages paid hosemen, is no adequate compensation for a man who is on duty night and day and carries his life in his hands every time he goes to a fire, especially when it is compared with the salaries of a number of officials whose hardest work is filling a soft chair in a softer position in other government departments. If this matter, which is a source of much complaint and comment, is properly presented to the next Legislature the writer hopes to see a sufficient appropriation made for a handsome central fire station, and a suitable increase in the number and wages of the firemen.

GEORGE MANSON.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY ON MAUI NEAR WAILUKU.

A Native Strangles His Intended Wife and Afterwards Hangs Himself on the Wedding Eve.

The Claudine which arrived this morning brought the news of a double tragedy which took place near Wailuku on the evening of the 27th of September, for the particulars of which the BULLETIN is indebted to Charles F. Wilcox, who received them in a letter from a friend.

The letter reads: "You know Benjamin of Kamaole or Kaluabakoko and his woman Milaka. They have been together for a long time now. She was divorced from her former husband, a Chinese. She and Benjamin were going to get married last Saturday, the 28th. He went to Wailuku for the first time on Friday, the 27th, and told the woman to stay home during his absence. When he came home at dark there was no woman there but at last he found her in Hamili's house drunk. He got her home to his house in Kamaole, where he first beat her and then strangled her to death. After that he took off her old clothes and dressed her in the ones she was to wear for the wedding on the morrow. After that he hung himself. That was the way they were found in the morning, she attired in her wedding clothes lying on the floor, and he also in his wedding clothes and hanging by a rope round his neck."

Great Lawyer Travelling.

Hon. Edward Blake, formerly Premier of Canada and now a Home Rule member of the British Parliament, will be a passenger by the Alameda from San Francisco on the 24th inst. He is one of the most learned lawyers in the British Empire, and is frequently retained for cases before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Mr. Blake has been selected by the New Zealand Government as arbitrator in a great case with the Midland Railway.

Fined One Dollar.

In the District Court this morning Frank Poor was fined \$1 and costs, amounting to \$3 more, for violating the rules of the Board of Health in changing his place of abode without first obtaining a permit.

The Board of Health meets at 2 o'clock this afternoon, at which time the special committee report on the matters brought up in the resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce, published in yesterday's issue.

The pedestal for the Kalakaua bust sculptured by Mr. Hutchinson for the Kalakaua Monument Association arrived by a 1 to vessel. The bronze cast of the bust arrived from England some time ago.

EXTINGUISHING FIRES. One of the old school readers furnishes some excellent fire rules which run thusly. Yell as much as possible, throw all minors and chinaware out of the windows, persons below will receive them upon their heads, wrap the coal gently up in a blanket and lower it carefully to the ground, place the tongs astride of your shoulder and carry them gently down stairs, get excited. When the hubbub has ceased go to Brown & Kabeys and they will replace your missing jewelry and cutlery at reasonable prices.

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CLOSING THE RECORD.

Geo. Washington Smith Quits the Dock and Diary.

Now as we have to close our diary and leave for other scenes, we hope that no one has been offended by our little odds and ends, as we meant only fun; and we also feel grateful to the public in general, especially the papers, for not criticising and calling us a pack of fools or lunatics for putting such nonsense in the papers. As for our grammar, we might have been a little more grammatical, but writing is not our forte. We are amateurs and not gifted that way, so we hope you will excuse us. We only meant to give word for word as near as possible what was said by different ones while in quarantine. We wish you good night. Thus endeth the diary as far as the Smith family are concerned, but we hope some one of the boys will keep it up while the quarantine lasts, and we hope and pray that will not be for long. Good night.

TESTIMONIAL.

We the undersigned in quarantine on Pacific Mail dock, segregated from the outside as we have been since the 13th of September, and during that time having had many pleasant hours together spinning yarns, etc., we heard this afternoon of the promotion of our old friend, Geo. Washington Smith, to the postmaster of the Likiep, Washington has our hearty congratulations, and we wish him every success. We have found him a good companion while with us, and he added much to our pleasure, and kept us from getting the blues by his hearty and genial expressions, and in fact we must say he was the life of the crowd, and we offer him our best wishes for the future, and we one and all feel very sorry to part with him. We would have liked very much to have kept him with us during our quarantine, but the best of friends must part. So we now tender him our best aloha.

CLARENCE L. CRABBE,

H. H. WEBB,

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A. M. HEWITT,

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CHAS. H. THURSTON.

CRUEL WIT.

Answer of a British M. P. to a Taunt by Another.

Last August Dr. Tanner, a prominent member of the British House of Commons, was excluded from that body for one week, for conducting himself badly in the House while in a state of intoxication. The correspondent of the New York Sun says:

His friends had been doing their best to restrain him all the evening, but he was quite beyond their control. Not long before the incident in the House, Dr. Tanner met Sir Ashmead Bartlett in the lobby. It should be explained, in order to appreciate what took place, that the intellectual attainments of Sir Ashmead are not held in the highest esteem by his fellow members in Parliament. Dr. Tanner's intoxication by this time was in a solemn and impressive stage. He drew the Baronet soberly away from all the others, got him into a corner, and with great solemnity imparted to him the information: "You are a b—y fool." "Go away, go away," responded the indignant M. P., "you are drunk." Dr. Tanner, who is a big man, while Sir Ashmead Bartlett is of medium size, refused to budge until he had replied, still with solemnity: "I know I am; but I shall be sober in the morning, while you will still be a b—y fool."